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Messrs. 

Attached are the previous Hardy briefings, 1 May 68, Europe---(actually, keyed to itinerary of Subcommittee's travels)-- and 9 October 1967, SEA.

You will note that the top classification for this subcommittee is TDP SECRET (no exotics.)

There is a little ritual minuet that goes into the beginning to the effect that "Gentlemen, you have asked me about US commitments in Area X; U.S. commitments I can't tell you about, but I can tell you about the problems of the countries with which we have commitments, and the nature and extent of the Communist or other threat in the area where we have these commitments.

Thereby, the Subcommittee, which has a charter to look into U.S. forces, plans, commitments in the light of our obligations and responsibilities in Vietnam, manages to get substantive briefings on other world areas.

Inasmuch as this is to be a "written briefing," it seems to me it would be easier both for you and for the subcommittee to write the papers in memo form, not in Briefing Format.

Briefing Notice of April* 18 gives the background and ground rules of this subcommittee a bit more fully.(attached)

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18 April 1968

BRIEFING NOTICE

1. DCI is tentatively scheduled to testify for two hours, on or about 30 April, before the special Hardy Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, on possible threats to the U.S., possible involvement of U.S. force, or possible invocation of U.S. commitments, in the areas generally described as "Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean, Near East, Middle East, and Scandinavia."
2. Chairman Rivers established the Hardy Subcom last fall, under Rep. Porter Hardy of Virginia, to conduct "a full and thorough inquiry into...the status of plans, including contingency plans, for achieving a military victory in SEA, the ability of our armed forces to simultaneously meet present commitments in SEA, as well as treaty obligations, including the availability of military equipment and present and projected force levels."
3. On 9 October DCI briefed the Hardy Subcom on Communist China, North and South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, North and South Korea, Japan, Nationalist China, Indonesia, Hong Kong and British presence, Burma, and India.
4. The scope of the inquiry has now been greatly extended geographically by the rationale that the extent of U.S. commitment in Vietnam has a direct impact on and interreaction with U.S. commitments and interests on a global basis. Accordingly the Hardy Subcom has asked for the same type of briefing DCI gave them on SEA, to cover EE, Spain, the Soviet naval presence in the Mediterranean, Greece-Turkey-Cyprus, Arab-Israeli, Iran, and Scandinavia. A detailed outline is attached. It may be expanded after Legislative Counsel has checked it out with the subcommittee staff early next week.
5. DCI's terms of reference, of course, will be foreign--not U.S.--capabilities, intentions, objectives, etc., establishing a background for the Hardy Subcom inquiry into U.S. policies, commitments, capabilities which will subsequently be addressed primarily to DOD and State. His line of approach, depending on the country involved, will be the possibilities of U.S. involvement, or the potential enemy threat in the event of U.S. involvement---i.e., mainly the flap potential country by country, strengths, and any U.S. base problems.

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6. Classification is limited to TOP SECRET---but the "fortified Top Secret"--as in the NIE's, make use of Codeword and other sensitive info as long as you don't specify details and facts which obviously could have come only from such sensitive sources and methods.

7. This briefing is not a primer, but a sitrep and prospects roundup at a fairly high level of sophistication. All but two of the Hardy Subcom members are also members of the Armed Services (Rivers) CIA Subcommittee, and Chairman Rivers and the ranking minority member, Representative Bates, will be sitting in as ex officio members.

8. Timing, etc. Contributions must reach Presentation Staff by close of business Tuesday, 23 April, to permit processing a book of this size (120 to 140 pages) in time to submit to DCI for review at oob Friday; Revisions and updates can be made over the 27/28 April week-end, and the exact date of briefing is still open.

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<p>Remarks: Attached is the letter from Chairman Hardy requesting <u>briefing on Rio and ANZUS Pacts</u>. As you know, we have indicated to Hardy and the Committee Counsel, John Reddan, our preference for an oral briefing but apparently circumstances are such that they cannot get the Committee together prior to their proposed trip. Thus, we may as well get started on a <u>written</u> version. As soon as we get a better idea of the deadline, we will let you know, but I understand the Committee will not be departing before the 1st of November so I gather there is no great urgency.</p>			
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